

**Lossiemouth Community Council
Minutes of Meeting**

Date: 15 August 2022

Time: 19:00

Location: Marine Park, Lossiemouth

Chair: Carolle Ralph

Attendees: Carolle Ralph, Lily Mulholland, Marian Evans, Gina McNicoll, Harry Halkett, John Cowe CLLR, Bridget Mustard CLLR, Neil Cameron CLLR, Kristi Corbett, Louise McBride, Fiona Birse (LCDT), Peter White, Dave Walker

Apologies: James Allan CLLR, Kirsty Middleton

Agenda:

Welcome:

Carolle welcomed everyone and took a moment to congratulate Fiona and Seafest for putting on a great event this year.

1- Police Update:

No representative.

We do have some parking issues that we need to have addressed and possibly have the police investigate parking tickets.

RAF Update:

No rep but we do have an email update from Sarah Riley-Evans

Operations.

Team Lossie continues to deliver an exceptional pace of operational activities both overseas and from our home base.

We continue to provide the UKs fast jet contribution to the NATO activities in Eastern Europe. We are further in the work up period for a number of forthcoming overseas operational deployments.

This will also include periods of night flying which we will endeavour to advise in advance on our social media channels.

Because of our glorious summer evenings, we are unable to complete this mandatory training for a couple of months so now we are starting to see darker evenings, we do need to surge this training for a while.

The scale and pace of what we are delivering on a daily basis is truly impressive with Team Lossie pulling together with a united sense of purpose.

Growth.

Our growth and development programme also continues at pace so thank you for your continuing patience.

Over the coming months, we will see some new works commence as we start to get ready for E7 arrival and a few projects conclude such as our new Crash, Fire and Rescue facility (new fire station!).

We will also start to see the new single living accommodation modules start to arrive on site.

People.

Most significant thing to note is some exciting news:

RAF Lossiemouth has been selected by the MOD to be the setting for a behind-the-scenes documentary which will start filming in Autumn.

The series seeks to shine a light on the wide range of roles and people (RAF, civil servants, and defence partners) who contribute to our operational output.

It is also a great opportunity to showcase the stunning location and supportive community within which we live.

It does mean that Team Lossie is going to be further stretched so please just be patient with us if we take a little longer than normal to respond to any queries.

We have told Sarah to let us know if we can help in any way.

Community Groups Update:

LCDT/Seafest –

Congratulations from the LCC on a successful Seafest.

The Station Park carpark will be repaired, it was Moray Council who insisted on the carpark being closed so long

Seafest had a lack of volunteers this year.

The costs were way up from previous years.

They have received funding for a beach wheelchair, storage, and maintenance of it. They are just working on logistics for the storage.

They now have printed copies of the five-year plan available.

2-3 Group:

They had a grant from Moray Council to run a three-week holiday club, they supported 130 kids with this.

The Warehouse Theatre will be being used as a charity shop 3 days a week to help raise funds.

The Soup and Sweet will be starting back up the beginning of September.

3- Minutes of June Meeting:

Items Carried Over

Historical project: We will set-up a separate meeting with Donna McClean and the high school art teacher.

Lossie Tourist Group: Carry over to September.

Cycle Track Representative: Dave Walker will be our rep to the cycle track committee, Malcolm will be speaking at the August LCDT meeting to give an update on the project and Dave will also attend that. We will be inviting Malcolm to our next meeting.

4- Matters Arising:

Police. Parking at junctions, speeding – no police rep, we will contact them to speak about these issues.

Inchbroom Road update- See Neil's update below. Kristi looked up previous minutes as we were told in June 2021 that the speed limit would be lowered.

Caravan Park- The new management is changing the rules and making it difficult for long-term residents.

There has always been a 10-year clause in the contracts, it just was not enforced by Christie's, but the new owners are.

The industry is very unregulated which makes it difficult.

The changes will affect the community negatively and will also impact Logan's Fund.

Silver Sands is no longer accepting tourers, tents, and camper vans.

The residents are contacting Douglas Ross and Richard Lochhead, John Cowe will speak to the company director.

We will support the residents.

Parking at Lossie CC – Moray Council has said that they are still gathering information on the situation. Bridget has responded to them with feedback as has the LCDT.

John and Neil will follow-up with Moray Council Carolle will follow up with them in two weeks to see where they are on parking issue.

The lighting between the carpark and the community centre is not good and needs to be looked at.

The community centre and sports centre were so busy on Monday the 15th that they were having to turn people away.

Landscaping at Community Centre: See James' update.

Half of the trees are dead and the sycamores along the side of the pitch will bring up the road.

Hedging/ fencing at new bridge – Lily has contacted Moray Council about the issues.

One of the posts has come out with the wiring

Per John Cowe there is a cement bed under the posts, so they are struggling to get the fencing in.

The shrubs are full of weeds and the gardening group is not prepared to deal with them.

The LCDT had been told it would be turf and not seed laid. When the contractors laid the seed, they just left it and did not block it off, so it has now been walked all over and trampled. Fiona will speak to Rab to see if he can follow up on the problem.

Per John Cowe, Will Burnish at Moray Council said that they ran out of funds to pay for the turf.

Gardening: All our gardening volunteers are over 65. We've had many compliments on the flowers in James Square.

The beds by the dentist have been cleared out and filled with black membrane and stones to help prevent weeds.

Trees- Carolle will speak to Carol at Marine Park about donating them to the park.

Toilets/ station park-

Thank Seafest for their donation and the LCDT for the toilet roll.

The lock on the stall in the women's toilets has been replaced. It was damaged and repaired and then destroyed so we had to replace it.

According to the records we used 77 kW this time last year and 341 kW for the same time this year.

The most recent water bill was £87, the previous one was £67.

A new electric point has been installed in the store of which we were unaware. We do not know who installed it or if it is connected to our meter. We need to know for liability as well as the bill.

Fiona will ask the trust if it was installed by them.

We need storage for gardening equipment and supplies so we will need to coordinate with the LCDT to access storage in the store.

Town Centre Improvement plan update/5 Year Plan

Per John, Bridget, and Neil there is no funding for Lossiemouth this year it is all going to Buckie as they have a shovel ready project. Due to the grant timeline the funds need to be spent by March 2023. Per Bridget the councillors did question what was happening and they did try to stick up for Lossiemouth.

The community council is frustrated because they ask the community and volunteers to put effort into plans and provide feedback for Moray Council and then it is all ignored. This is not the first instance where we have done what Moray Council has asked only to have the plans and feedback, we provide disregarded.

Louise suggested that we investigate participatory funding for some of our projects.

Surfable Scotland update- No updates currently.

Bins on Esplanade-

There are now fourteen bins on the Esplanade, and not all are being utilised.

Per John the bins are emptied daily

Lily is asking why we do not have recycling bins on the Esplanade.

Louise asked about using the Transition Fund towards Zero Waste that Richard Lochhead has working towards zero waste to get recycling bins.

Per John – Moray, Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire Councils have built a waste facility that should be operative by November.

Moray Council is looking into building a new recycling plant in Elgin to help save money. Marian has asked how this will affect household recycling.

Afternoon Tea-

We currently have 117 on the list, this will most likely change.

Kirsty and Louise will organise the plates etc.

Maureen Halkett and her group will be performing.

We will ask the churches to distribute the tickets to those on their lists.

Remembrance Sunday-

Look at asking the schools to do Remembrance Stones for the war graves.

Marian will check with the War Graves Commission for permission to leave the stones on the graves.

Marian will speak to Tim about the bench upkeep.

Merchant Nave Day-

Sat 3 Sep 2022, we will raise the flag at Station Park at 8:30 AM, Gerry Evans will raise the flag.

Marian has the Red Ensign and the key for the flagpole.

Remembering together covid project- Meet at the Youth Café at 18:30 Tues 30 August for a brainstorming session.

The Seawall art project was suggested.

Citizen of the Year Award- We will change it to the Young Citizen of the Year, Gina and Louise will coordinate.

Venue for Future Meetings:

Community Centre – The available rooms are unsuitable for our needs.

Marine Park – The communication is not the best and the room is quite hard to hear in.

Youth Café – Is the preferred choice with a monthly donation for the use of the space.

Ukraine update-

We have held back from sending more to Poland as there is seventy-one refugees in a hotel in Elgin with two coming to Lossiemouth next week.

The garage at Hythehill is leaking so items there are wet and mouldy. Carolle is trying to wash what she can.

We are needing guidance from Moray Council on what we should be doing, Bridget will chase this up for us.

We do need more storage.

JCC-

JCC is asking for support with the campaign for the maternity unit at Dr Gray's. We have agreed to sign the letter to the Heath Secretary with other community groups.

They are developing a social media code of practice for community councils.

HGV training vehicles –

Gian asked if we could ask that they not use Clifton Road, especially during the summer.

Dave has said that it is part of the DVLA test route, and they may not be able to change it.

It has been suggested that we ask Moray Council for better parking regulation on Clifton Road instead.

Carol Stewart from Moray Council has said that the parking will be followed up on.

The disabled parking bays need to be repainted to yellow.

SSEN Resilient Communities Fund 2022- We have received funds for emergency preparedness supplies. We will need to organise storage for them.

Community Clean-Ups-

Per Marian cleanups are organised for:

25th August (East Beach and River)

26th August (East Beach)

30 August (Community Cleanup, Carolle will lead)

Bridge Safety- We have been told by Moray Council that the signage and number of and placement of life belts are adequate.

We can ask RNLI to do another risk assessment of the beach and bridge.

5- Correspondence:

None

6- Community Councilors Issues:

Marian- The cycle at the sports centre has been repaired but it took 12 weeks.

7- Councilors Updates:

Neil:

Neil is looking into the getting signs directing people to the Gregory Place carpark.

The roads department has asked the football clubs not to park on Coulard Bank Road. Roads is going to send someone to look at Inchbroom road and assess what is needed, and the speed limit will be lowered to 40 MPH.

James:

I took photos and spoke to officers about the state of the ground around the new High School and astro pitch.

They are now tidying up the site and have got in gardeners and topsoil and were working there today.

John and Bridget both provided feedback and updates on items in the Matters Arising.

8- Treasurers Report:

£926 spent on toilets from 20 June to 1 August.

We have various other pots of funding that we need to spend.

We need to speak to Elaine Penny about the possibility of paying for the School Crossing at Coulardbank Road in front of the high school. Dropped Curb is already in place.

9- Chairman's Updates:

Carolle questioned when the annex will be open in Elgin.

Per Bridget it has cross party to support to reopen and will hopefully be open in September.

10- Planning Issues:

There will be a review next week for the house on Town Hall Lane.

Did the ice-cream shop that started in the old Blossoms location seek planning permission for a change of use as none of us saw a planning request.

11- AOCB

Marian-

Marian has brought up holes in the wall close to the Esplanade wall.

Neil will chase it up with Moray Council to get repaired.

Dave- St Johns is trying to set up a transport system for dialysis patients for Dr Greys'. Dave will be doing the drivers assessment.

11- Date and Time of Next Meeting: 19 Sept 2022, 19:00 at the Youth Café.